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Faraj al-Haydari, chairman of the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC), speaks to reporters in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, March 12, 2010. Partial tallies have been released from seven of Iraq's 18 provinces, excluding Baghdad.

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In this Oct. 11, 2001 file photo, firefighters make their way over the ruins of the World Trade Center through clouds of smoke at ground zero in New York. New York City has agreed to pay up to \$657 million to settle more than 10,000 lawsuits filed by ground zero rescue and response workers who say they were sickened by World Trade Center dust.

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## Clinton slams Israel on housing announcement

MATTHEW LEE

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday delivered a stinging rebuke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his government's announcement this week of new Jewish housing in east Jerusalem, calling it "a deeply negative signal" for the Mideast peace process and ties with the U.S.

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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, meets United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the United Nations headquarters on Friday, March 12, 2010.

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U.S. missionary Laura Silsby, 40, of Meridian, Idaho, arrested on child kidnapping charges, is escorted by police officers upon her arrival to the courthouse in Port-au-Prince, Monday, March 8, 2010.

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## Haiti judge: New charge for U.S. missionary leader

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The last of 10 American missionaries detained in Haiti on suspicion of kidnapping is facing a new charge.

Judge Bernard Saint-Vil says Laura Silsby has been charged for a newly discovered, alleged attempt to bus child earthquake survivors to the Dominican Republic on Jan. 26.

She already could face trial on kidnapping and criminal-association charges from her group's attempt to take 33 children across the border without permission three days later.

Saint-Vil has added the new charge of "organization of irregular trips," from a 1980 law restricting travel out of Haiti that was signed by then-dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.



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Palestinian workers are seen on a construction site in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Ramat Sholmo, Thursday, March 11, 2010. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reprimanded a top official over the announcement of new settlement construction during a high-profile visit by Vice President Joseph Biden.

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### CLINTON SLAMS

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The State Department said Clinton spoke to Netanyahu by phone for 43 minutes to vent U.S. frustration with Tuesday's announcement that cast a pall over a visit to Israel by Vice President Joe Biden and endangered indirect peace talks with the Palestinians that the Obama administration had announced just a day earlier. The length and unusually

blunt tone of Clinton's call underscored the administration's concern about prospects for the negotiations it has been trying to organize for more than a year and its anger over Israel's refusal to heed U.S. appeals not to make provocative gestures. Clinton called "to make clear that the United States considered the announcement to be a deeply negative signal about Israel's approach to the bilateral relationship and

counter to the spirit of the vice president's trip," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters.

"The secretary said she could not understand how this happened, particularly in light of the United States' strong commitment to Israel's security and she made clear that the Israeli government needed to demonstrate not just through words but through specific actions that they are committed to this relationship and to the peace process," he said.

The harsh criticism of America's closest Mideast ally and questions about its commitment to the U.S.-Israeli relationship followed equally blunt condemnation of the housing announcement from the White House and Biden himself.

It also comes ahead of a trip to the region by U.S. Mideast peace envoy George Mitchell and a meeting in Moscow next week of the Quartet of Mideast peacemakers that Clinton will attend.

Hours after the call to Netanyahu, the Quartet — the U.S., European Union, United Nations and Russia — denounced the Israeli announcement in a

statement from the world body's headquarters in New York where Clinton was addressing a commission on the status of women and meeting with U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon.

"The Quartet has agreed to closely monitor developments in Jerusalem and to keep under consideration additional steps that may be required to address the situation on the ground," the statement said.

It did not elaborate on what steps it would consider but said the Quartet members "would take full stock of the situation" when they meet in the Russian capital next Friday.

The Quartet has long urged both Israel and the Palestinians not to take any steps that could hinder peace talks.

Crowley stressed that the United States objected to both the content and timing of the announcement and said Clinton had "reinforced that this action had undermined trust and confidence in the peace process and in America's interests."

Netanyahu has apologized for the timing, though not the substance, of the announcement to approve 1,600 new homes for Jews in east Jerusalem.

The international community does not recognize Israel's annexation of east Jerusalem — captured in the 1967 Mideast war — and the Palestinians see that part of the city as their own future capital.

Earlier Friday, an Israeli cabinet minister said the government is moving to amend the country's planning procedures on sensitive political decisions because of the embarrassing diplomatic flap. Netanyahu has said he was not aware the announcement was going to be made during Biden's visit.

The Israeli announcement enraged the Palestinians and Arab states, jeopardizing the proximity talks Mitchell is to mediate. An Arab League advisory committee has already withdrawn its endorsement of the discussions.

In a bid to salvage those negotiations, Mitchell and the top U.S. diplomat for the Middle East, Jeffrey Feltman, called Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Arab League chief Amr Moussa and the foreign ministers of Egypt, Jordan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates over the past two days, Crowley said. □



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# Judge to hear plan to pay \$657M to WTC responders

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NEW YORK (AP) — A settlement that could pay up to \$657.5 million to more than 10,000 rescue and recovery workers sickened by dust from the destroyed World Trade Center goes before a judge Friday. He has said he favors a settlement but plans to analyze it carefully to make sure it is fair.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the proposal fair, a sentiment echoed by one of the negotiators of the deal that was announced Thursday night after years of fighting in court.

"I think it's a good settlement for everybody," Bloomberg said Friday on his weekly radio show. "This takes care of civilians and uniform service members, it takes care of the private contractors who were brought in. ... So I think it's fair and reasonable given the circumstances. We've been working on this for a long time."

The settlement agreed to by lawyers representing the city, construction companies and the workers was announced by WTC Captive Insurance Co., a special entity established to indemnify the city and its contractors against potential legal action as they moved

to clean up the site after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Both sides were scheduled to appear before the federal judge handling the litigation, U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein, who must approve the deal along with the workers themselves. For the settlement to be enforced, 95 percent of the workers would need to agree to be bound by its terms.

The settlement would mean a postponement or cancellation of the trials tentatively scheduled to begin in May.

Some of the cases scheduled to be heard first included that of a firefighter who died of throat cancer and another who needed a lung transplant, as well as workers with less serious ailments, including a Consolidated Edison utility company employee with limited exposure to the debris pile and no current serious illness.

The deal would make the city and other companies represented by the insurer liable for a minimum of \$575 million, with more money available to the sick if certain conditions are met.

Most if not all of the money would come out of a \$1 billion grant from



James Nolan, a construction worker and 9/11 first responder, stands outside the construction site where he is currently working Friday, March 12, 2010, in New York. Nolan, one of thousands of ground zero workers who claim to have been sickened by dust and debris from the World Trade Center, will have 90 days to decide whether to accept a settlement worth up to \$657.5 million.

Associated Press

the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Marc Bern, a senior partner with the law firm Worby, Groner, Edelman & Napoli, Bern LLP, which negotiated the deal, said it was "a good settlement."

Workers who wish to participate in the settlement would need to prove they had been at the World Trade

Center site or other facilities that handled debris. They also would have to turn over medical records and provide other information aimed at weeding out fraudulent or dubious claims.

Thousands of police officers, firefighters and construction workers who put in time at the 16-acre site in lower Manhattan had

filed lawsuits against the city, claiming it sent them to ground zero without proper protective equipment.

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# Dems seek agreement, quick vote on health care



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif. speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, March 12, 2010.

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WASHINGTON — Under White House pressure to act swiftly, House and Senate Democratic leaders reached

for agreement Friday on President Barack Obama's health care bill, sweetened suddenly by fresh billions for student aid and a sense that breakthroughs are at hand.

"It won't be long," before lawmakers vote, predicted Speaker Nancy Pelosi. She said neither liberals' disappointment over the lack of a government health care option nor a traditional mistrust of the Senate would prevent passage in the House. At the White House, officials worked to maximize Obama's influence over lawmakers who control the fate of legislation that has spawned a yearlong struggle. They said he would delay his departure on an Asian trip for three days — until March 21 — and he will go to Ohio next week for a campaign-style pitch for his health care proposals. The delay gives congressional leaders much-needed breathing room to finish the legislation

and nail down support from wavering lawmakers. "I'm delighted that the president will be here for the passage of the bill; it's going to be historic," said Pelosi, D-Calif. — though there's no guarantee the House can act by then. A procedural vote in the House Budget Committee is set for Monday afternoon, but as of late Friday lawmakers still hadn't gotten the final analysis from the Congressional Budget Office that they need to go forward. With Democrats deciding to incorporate changes in student aid into the bill, Republicans suddenly had a new reason to oppose legislation they have long sought to scuttle. "Well of course it's a very bad idea," said Senate Republican

leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "We now have the government running banks, insurance companies, car companies, and they do want to take over the student loan business."

He said it was symptomatic of Democrats' determination to have "the government expand its tentacles into absolutely everything."

At its core, the health care bill is designed to provide health care to tens of millions who lack it and ban insurance companies from denying medical coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions. Obama also wants the measure to begin to slow the rate of growth in medical costs nationwide. Most people would have to get insurance by law, and poor and middle-income Americans — including families of four earning up to \$88,000 — would receive subsidies. Whatever the outcome, there was no doubt the issue would reverberate into this fall's elections, with control of Congress at stake.

The health care bill appeared on the cusp of passage in early January, but was derailed when Senate Republicans won a Senate seat in Massachusetts, and with it, the strength needed to sustain a filibuster and block a final vote. In the weeks since, the White House and Democrats have embarked on a two-part rescue strategy. It calls for the House to pass legislation that cleared the Senate in December, despite numerous objections, and for both houses to follow immediately with a second bill that makes changes to the first.

The second, fix-it bill would be drafted under rules that strip Senate Republicans of the ability to require Democrats produce a 60-vote majority

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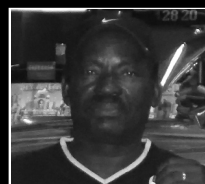
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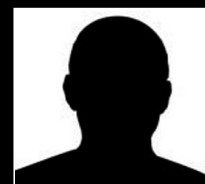
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# Twin suicide bombs kill 43 in Pakistani city

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LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) —

Two suicide bombers killed 43 people in near-simultaneous blasts Friday, the fourth major attack in Pakistan this week and a clear sign that militants have the power to strike targets despite months of army offensives and U.S. missile strikes.

The twin bombings, which also wounded about 100 people, raised fears of a new wave of attacks by Islamic militants. With no explanation of why the violence is surging now or how long it could last, Pakistanis have been left to guess at how bloody the situation could get.

“This is an attack against our people, our country,” said senior Lahore official Sajjad Bhutta, calling on law enforcement agencies to improve their intelligence networks. Underscoring the widespread fear, a series of small explosions injured at least three people and sparked panic in another Lahore neighborhood late Friday night. Police officials said the five low-intensity blasts apparently resulted from loose explosives scattered through the residential area of Iqbal



Pakistani security officers visit the site of suicide bombing in Lahore, Pakistan, Friday, March 12, 2010. A pair of suicide bombers targeting army vehicles detonated explosives within seconds of each other, killing scores of people, police said.

Town. While the explosions terrified residents and sent police and rescue workers racing through town, there were no reports of deaths or major damage.

The two suicide bombers, who were on foot, set off their explosives within seconds of each other near two trucks carrying soldiers on patrol in RA Bazaar, a residential and commercial neighborhood with numerous military buildings. About 10 of those

killed were soldiers, said Police Chief Parvaiz Rathore. It was the second major attack in the eastern city of Lahore this week.

Security forces swarmed the area as thick black smoke rose and bystanders rushed the wounded into ambulances. Video shot by a cell phone just after the first explosion showed a large burst of orange flame erupting in the street, according to GEO TV, which broadcast a short clip of the footage shot by Tabraiz Bukhari.

“Oh my God! Oh my God! Who are these beasts? Oh my God!” Bukhari shouted

after the blast in a mixture of English and Urdu.

The explosions killed 43 people and injured about 100, said senior police official Chaudhry Mohammad Shafiq. No group immediately claimed responsibility, but suspicion quickly fell on the Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaida, which have been fighting to destabilize the U.S.-allied Islamabad government.

They launched a bloody wave of bombings last fall across Pakistan, leaving 600 people dead in near-daily attacks done in apparent retaliation for an army offensive against the insurgents’ main stronghold,

in the tribal region of South Waziristan along the Afghan border.

The government offensive was seen as fairly effective, forcing many Taliban leaders to flee and reducing the area where the insurgents could operate openly.

The insurgent attacks slowed early this year. In recent months, they have been smaller, farther apart and largely confined to remote regions near Afghanistan.

But on Monday, a suicide car bomber struck a building in Lahore where police interrogated suspects — including militants — killing 13 people and wounding dozens. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility.

Also this week, suspected militants attacked the offices of a U.S.-based Christian aid group in northwestern Pakistan, killing six Pakistani employees, while a bombing at a small, makeshift movie theater in the city of Peshawar killed four people.

It remains unclear why the violence is increasing now. It could be in revenge for a series of recent arrests, or, less likely, because of the visit to Pakistan this week by Afghan President Hamid Karzai — a bitter enemy of the Taliban. Mahmood Shah, a former security chief for Pakistan’s tribal regions, long an insurgent stronghold, sees the attacks as violent flailing by semi-independent militant groups who lost many of their leaders in the government offensive.

It will be hard, he said, to crush them without better intelligence.

“You can’t have a centralized strategy against them because they have no centralized leadership,” he said.

But he also doubts insurgents have the resources to launch the same kind of series of attacks that swept Pakistan last year.

The attacks certainly show the insurgent network has not been crushed despite the recent arrests and regular U.S. missile strikes in Pakistan against Afghan Taliban and al-Qaida operatives. □



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## Iraq PM uses early lead to pursue new allies

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Seizing on an early lead in Iraq's election, the prime minister's political coalition began reaching out to rivals Friday as partial results signaled a tight race that was unlikely to produce a clear-cut winner. It's doubtful that Nouri al-Maliki — even if he keeps his job — will be able to build a seamless government from political parties separated by sectarian fault lines and Shiite rivalries.

That would mean more political instability as American forces prepare to withdraw and further setbacks to efforts to reconcile Iraq's fractured ethnic and sectarian communities.

The count for all of Iraq's 18 provinces, including all-important Baghdad, was not expected for days and the outcome of the March 7 parliamentary vote was far from certain. Election officials said they have been struggling with malfunctions such as computers crashing and employees working too slowly.

The process also has been marred by fraud allegations, many of which came from one

of the Shiite prime minister's main challengers, a secular Iraqiya list led by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. But the nation's Independent High Electoral Commission has released partial results from seven provinces that showed al-Maliki's bloc leading in three, ahead of Allawi's group, which was winning in two, and an Iran-backed Shiite religious grouping in another.

The Kurdish Alliance, as expected, won Irbil province in the semiautonomous Kurdish region in Iraq's north.

After all the returns are in, if no bloc wins a majority, the president would ask the bloc with the largest number of seats in parliament to form a coalition government.

Al-Maliki's State of Law coalition — which he formed after breaking with longtime Shiite power broker the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, also known as SIIC — was emboldened enough by strong showings in Babil, Najaf and Muthanna provinces to pursue a rapprochement with rivals he may need to build a new government.

"The initial results of elections indicated our progress ... and we can form a government by allying with two or three coalitions," Abbas al-Bayati,

a senior lawmaker in the coalition, said Friday.

The group has set up a committee to "open dialogue with other blocs," al-Bayati said.

Among the meetings being scheduled is one with the Iraqi National Alliance, a Shiite religious coalition made up of SIIC and followers of anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, according to an al-Maliki adviser who spoke on condition of anonymity due to the delicate nature of the talks as votes are still being counted.

It was a calculated if possibly premature outlook for a prime minister who has been dogged not only by Shiite fundamentalists whose coalition he abandoned to build a more moderate platform, but also by Sunnis and Kurds who revile his policies.

A State of Law victory is far from assured. Allawi's Iraqiya alliance, made up of moderate Shiites and Sunnis, was leading in the former insurgent strongholds of Salahuddin and Diyala. And the INA had the lead over al-Maliki in Maysan province, which borders Iran. Each province receives a certain amount of parliament seats, which will be supplemented by quotas for



Counting and data input workers at the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, March 12, 2010. Partial tallies have been released from seven of Iraq's 18 provinces, excluding Baghdad.

women and minorities. The ultimate winner will likely be determined with results in Baghdad, which will have 70 seats, or about a fifth of the parliament. It was not clear Friday when the Baghdad results would be released.

Shiite spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani's representative expressed frustration with the chaotic and prolonged process.

"We wish that the electoral commission would complete the counting process with professionalism and away from any suspicions in order to avoid complaints from political blocs and so that the parliament is formed as soon as possible," Abdul-Mahdi al-

Associated Press  
Kerbalai said during a Friday sermon in Karbala.

Even if State of Law prevails, followers of Iraqi politics say al-Maliki has so alienated members of his own party that he may be replaced as prime minister. One name being floated was Mohammed Jafar al-Sadr, a cousin of the anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who's considered a moderate Shiite but is still more conservative than al-Maliki. "Even if al-Maliki manages to pull a government together it's going to be very unstable," said Abdul-Khaleq Abdulla, a political science professor at Emirates University in Abu Dhabi. "He is on very shaky ground." □



# Pope under fire for transfer, letter on sex abuse



Archbishop Robert Zollitsch listens reporters questions during a press conference following an audience with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican, Friday, March 12, 2010. Zollitsch Germany's top bishop has informed Pope Benedict XVI on cases of clerical sex abuse in the pontiff's native Germany and said the pope encouraged him to pursue the truth and assist the victims. Zollitsch said the pope was greatly dismayed and deeply moved as he was being briefed on the scandal during Friday's meeting at the Vatican.

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VATICAN CITY (AP) —

Germany's sex abuse scandal has now reached Pope Benedict XVI: His former archdiocese acknowledged it transferred a suspected pedophile priest while Benedict was in charge and criticism is mounting over a 2001 Vatican directive he penned instructing bishops to keep abuse cases secret.

The revelations have put the spotlight on Benedict's handling of abuse claims both when he was archbishop of Munich from 1977-1982 and then the prefect of the Vatican office that deals with such crimes — a position he held until his 2005 election as pope.

Benedict got a firsthand readout of the scope of the scandal Friday in his native land from the head of the German Bishop's Conference, Archbishop Robert Zollitsch, who reported that the pontiff had expressed "great dismay and deep shock" over the scandal, but encouraged bishops to continue searching for the truth.

Hours later, the Munich archdiocese admitted that it had allowed a priest suspected of having abused a child to return to pastoral work in the 1980s, while Benedict was archbishop. It stressed that the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger didn't know about the transfer and that it had been decided by a lower-ranking official.

The archdiocese said there were no accusations against the chaplain, identified

only as H., during his 1980-1982 spell in Munich, where he underwent therapy for suspected "sexual relations with boys." But he then moved to nearby Grafting, where he was suspended in early 1985 following new accusations of sexual abuse. The following year, he was convicted of sexually abusing minors.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, issued a statement late Friday noting that the Munich vicar-general who approved the priest's transfer had taken "full responsibility" for the decision, seeking to remove any question about the pontiff's potential responsibility as archbishop at the time.

Victims advocates weren't persuaded.

"We find it extraordinarily hard to believe that Ratzinger didn't reassign the predator, or know about the reassignment," said Barbara Blaine, president and founder of SNAP, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

The pope, meanwhile, continues to be under fire for a 2001 Vatican letter he sent to all bishops advising them that all cases of sexual abuse of minors must be forwarded to his then-office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and that the cases were to be subject to pontifical secret.

Germany's justice minister, Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, has cited the document as evidence that the Vatican created a "wall of silence" around abuse cases that prevented prosecution. Irish bishops have said the document had been "widely misunderstood" by the bishops themselves to mean they shouldn't go to police. And lawyers for abuse victims in the United States have cited the document in arguing that the Catholic Church tried to obstruct justice.

But canon lawyers insisted Friday that there was nothing in the document that would preclude bishops from fulfilling their moral and civic duties of going to police when confronted with a case of child abuse.

They stressed that the

document merely concerned procedures for handling the church trial of an accused priest, and that the secrecy required by Rome for that hearing by no means extended to a ban on reporting such crimes to civil authorities.

"Canon law concerning grave crimes ... doesn't in any way interfere with or diminish the obligations of the faithful to civil laws," said Monsignor Davide Cito, a professor of canon law at Rome's Santa Croce University.

The letter doesn't tell bishops to also report the crimes to police.

But the Rev. John Coughlin, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School, said it didn't need to. A general principle of moral theology to which every bishop should adhere is that church officials are obliged to follow civil laws where they live, he said.

Yet Bishop John McAreavey of Dromore in Northern Ireland, told a news conference this week that Irish bishops "widely misinterpreted" the directive and couldn't get a clear reading from Rome on how to proceed.

"One of the difficulties that bishops expressed was the fact that at times it wasn't always possible to get clear guidance from the Holy See and there wasn't always a consistent approach within the different Vatican departments," he said.

"Obviously, Rome is aware of this misinterpretation and the harm that this has done, or could potentially do, to the trust that the people have in how the church deals with these matters," he said.

An Irish government-authorized investigation into the scandal and cover up harshly criticized the Vatican for its mixed messages and insistence on secrecy in the 2001 directive and previous Vatican documents on the topic.

"An obligation to secrecy/confidentiality on the part of participants in a canonical process could undoubtedly constitute an inhibition on reporting child sexual abuse to the civil authorities or others," it concluded. □

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# Mandela's ex-wife denies interview in UK paper

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Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG (AP)

— Nelson Mandela's ex-wife denied Friday that she had given an interview to a British newspaper in which she was quoted sharply criticizing the anti-apartheid icon. The London Evening Standard had quoted Winnie Madikizela-Mandela as saying that her ex-husband had "let us down" and that she could not forgive him for accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 alongside white president F.W. De Klerk.

Madikizela-Mandela said she did not grant an interview to the newspaper but she did not specifically deny making the remarks, which created a stir in South Africa after they were carried by local media.

"I will in the coming days deal with what I see as an inexplicable attempt to undermine the unity of my family, the legacy of Nelson Mandela and the high regard with which the name Mandela is held here and across the globe," Madikizela-Mandela said in a statement distributed by the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

Madikizela-Mandela had been

traveling abroad at the time the article was published earlier this week.

The Evening Standard said the conversation with Madikizela-Mandela was conducted with Nadira Naipaul, wife of Nobel literature laureate V.S. Naipaul. "Nadira Naipaul is a distinguished journalist who visited Winnie Mandela at home and spoke to her at length about her experiences," the newspaper said in a statement Friday. "Nadira and her husband, the writer Sir V.S. Naipaul, are photographed with Winnie Mandela and this picture was printed with the article. We cannot understand Winnie Mandela's denial of an event and conversation which clearly took place." Nadira Naipaul also stood by the piece, saying: "The conversation took place as I reported, and I accurately rendered the statements Winnie Mandela made." Madikizela-Mandela denied that she had granted an interview. Her office said Friday she was unavailable for further comment. In the piece, Madikizela-Mandela also was quoted as accusing the current leadership of Mandela's party of exploiting

his image while sidelining him as a leader. And she was quoted calling Nobel Peace laureate Desmond Tutu a "cretin." The published comments raised eyebrows in South Africa, while the governing African National Congress party had said it would wait to speak to Madikizela-Mandela before commenting.

Mandela, 91, is revered by blacks and whites in South Africa, but is not above criticism. The most common are complaints that he devoted too much time during his 1994-99 presidency to seeking reconciliation with whites and too little to uplifting blacks mired in poverty by apartheid. At a forum last month marking the 20th anniversary of



In this photo taken Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 file photo, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, left, alongside her former husband former President Nelson Mandela, centre, and his current wife Graca Machel attend the opening of Parliament in Cape Town, South Africa.

Associated Press

Mandela's release from prison, Madikizela-Mandela said that Mandela was loved and recognized around the world for his fearlessness, and that he had emerged from prison still committed to revolution.

In recent years, Madikizela-Mandela has often joined

Mandela and his third wife, former Mozambican first lady Graca Machel, at family gatherings. Mandela accused Madikizela-Mandela, his second wife, of infidelity and the two divorced in 1996, six years after he walked free following 27 years in prison. □

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# Michael Jackson's custom-made furniture for sale

LOS ANGELES – The 22 pieces of custom-made furniture Michael Jackson commissioned for his London home are going on the auction block.

Darren Julien of Julien's Auctions says a gilded red velvet sofa that seats nine, a leopard-print chair trimmed with ostrich feathers and a pair of velvet armchairs embroidered with gold eagles are among the offerings.

Jackson intended to use the furnishings during his "This Is It" comeback concert run in London.



Fans can visit a re-creation of the home at Las Vegas' Planet Hollywood casino from June 14 to June 25 before the items are sold at auction.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit two charities: MusiCares, which provides health care and other services for struggling musicians, and Joshua's Heart, which aims to end world hunger.

This undated photo released by Colombostile shows a hand carved, gilt wood, three seat sofa topped with crown, upholstered in red velvet with metallic thread crown over double headed eagle embroidery. Michael Jackson ordered the sofa for his residence in Kent, England, where he was to stay during the "This Is It" concert series in London, at the retail price of nearly \$73,000.00. Julien's Auctions is scheduled to execute the recreation of Michael Jackson's Kent home for the public viewing for the first time at Newbridge Silverware's Museum of Style Icon's in Ireland from Tuesday, March 16th - Sunday May 30th and at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas starting Monday, June 14th and concluding on Friday, June 25th with the "Music Icon's" summer auction.

(AP Photo/Julien's Auctions, Courtesy of Colombostile)

## The Stooges gain entry into Rock Hall — finally

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER, Associated Press Writer

DETROIT – Iggy Pop was starting to feel like the Susan Lucci of rock 'n' roll.

Just as the veteran soap actress believed she might never win a Daytime Emmy, the godfather of punk was certain his groundbreaking band The Stooges wouldn't ever earn a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Well, as it turns out, Lucci got her gold statue on the 19th try. And Iggy and the boys finally are getting their shot to search and destroy at Monday's induction ceremony, on their eighth attempt.

"At least I won't be nominated anymore," Pop said, laughing. He believed The Stooges never would get into the Rock Hall "right up until the day before somebody called me."

"I kept telling the guys over and over: 'We're not gonna get in, guys.' Yeah. I was absolutely sure of that," Pop said in an interview.

It's hard to say exactly what turned the tide in voter sentiment, but Pop points to three possibilities: the band's long streak of Rock Hall futility, the January 2009 death of founding member Ron Asheton and ... Madonna.

The Stooges honored their fellow Michigan native by performing rocking versions of two of her hits — "Burning Up" and "Ray of Light" — on the night of the 2008 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

ceremony.

Pop says the gig helped provide some much-needed exposure for a band that wasn't really heard from for 30 years — the result of numerous band breakups and lineup changes that current members blame on drugs and fights over money.

"I thought, 'Well, some of the people there will see that we don't have horns. We're not gonna breathe fire on the tables or anything,'" he said. "I knew the thing would be televised, and 15 to 20 percent of the viewers wouldn't be able to differentiate. If they see you on TV, they'll think you've been inducted anyway."

Whatever the reason, the guys will be on stage at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel, but this time they'll be performing their own tunes.

They selected "I Wanna Be Your Dog" and "Search and Destroy," two songs Stooges guitarist James Williamson says are "the most representative" of the band's work.

The latter was on the 1973 album "Raw Power," which rates No. 125 on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 greatest albums of all time. The magazine called it a "proto-punk-rock classic" that featured a certain "hellbent ferocity."

Fans love and critics appreciate "Search and Destroy" for its searing guitar riff and signature Iggy Pop lyrics. It

kicks off with the singer's guttural snarl: "I'm a street-walkin' cheetah with a heart full of napalm."

The song also served as the soundtrack for a Nike ad that memorably featured athletes bleeding and vomiting during competition. The song more recently popped up in an episode of ABC's "Lost" — it was blasted through a record player while a distraught Sawyer (Josh Holloway) drowned his sorrows following the death of his girlfriend.

Pop, whose solo effort "Lust For Life" also has enjoyed a second life in movies and commercials, sees the usage as an alternate means of exposing people to the music.

"(The Stooges) didn't get the radio airplay," he said. "We were shut out of the goodies of the industry."

When he hears "Search and Destroy" and other songs from the "Raw Power" era, Pop says the music doesn't sound dated to him.

"Every usage again and again I notice that, and I also notice that the stuff always sounds kind of rippin'," he said of the album, which is being re-released next month.

After that comes a host of European dates for the band, which currently consists of Williamson (guitar), Ron Asheton's brother, Scott "Rock Action" Asheton (drums), and former Minutemen member Mike Watt (bass).

Back on lead vocals is



Rock and roll icon Iggy Pop poses in Miami Thursday, March 11, 2010.

(AP Photo/Jeffrey M. Boan)

the inimitable Pop, who Williamson says simply is "one of the best there ever was."

"The thing that Iggy did that was all his own was to confront the audience — not just act out on stage like a Mick Jagger does or something like that — but Iggy got in your face," the guitarist said. "He got out in the audience and was right there with you. And nobody else had ever done that before. He was fearless about that."

Williamson remembers one show in which Pop egged on the wrong guy — a biker — and got punched in the face.

"I think that was a turning point for the band," Williamson said.

"That was pretty much the beginning of the end."

Pop went on to a successful solo career, the Ashetons joined other bands and Williamson spent the past 30 years in the business world.



This undated publicity image provided by A&E shows actor Corey Haim, who appeared in the A&E reality TV show "The Two Coreys" with his friend Corey Feldman. Haim, a 1980s teen heartthrob for his roles in "Lucas" and "The Lost Boys" whose career was blighted by drug abuse, died Wednesday March 10, 2010. He was 38.

(AP Photo/Courtesy AETN, L. Pief Weyman)

## Authorities: No illegal drugs found in Haim case

LOS ANGELES – Authorities said Friday they had recovered four prescription drug bottles bearing the name of actor Corey Haim but found nothing illegal while investigating his death.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter declined to identify the drugs. Haim was battling flulike symptoms in the days before he died.

Winter said an autopsy was done Thursday, but his office was awaiting the results of toxicology tests that could take two months before determining a cause of death.

Haim died Wednesday at age 38 after collapsing at his mother's apartment. The actor battled drug addiction for years. He earned fame for roles in the 1980s films "Lucas" and "The Lost Boys." He recently completed several film projects.

"Access Hollywood" reported on its Web site that Judy Haim had been told by the coroner's office that her son had an enlarged heart and his lungs were filled with water.

Winter confirmed his office had called Judy Haim, but he declined to say what they discussed.



## BUSINESS

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## Stocks trade flat after mixed economic reports



The Wall Street sign is seen in front of the New York Stock Exchange, October 8, 2009 file photo.

REUTERS/Chip East

By TIM PARADIS  
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NEW YORK — Stocks shuttled between narrow gains and losses Friday after mixed reports on retail sales and business inventories gave investors little new insight into the economy.

The reports weren't enough to propel the market significantly higher a day after the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at a 17-month high. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 9 points in afternoon trading. Stocks had been modestly higher at the start of trading Friday after a surprising increase in February retail sales. But investors are displeased with the Commerce Department's report that inventories were unchanged. Economists had forecast an increase. Analysts are hoping that businesses will restock store shelves on a consistent basis, which would be a positive signal for the economy.

The Commerce Department said retail sales rose 0.3 percent last month. Analysts had expected sales to drop.

A weaker report on consumer sentiment also held the market from making big moves. The preliminary Reuters/University of Michigan

consumer sentiment index for March fell to 72.5 from 73.6 in late February.

The reports come as investors look for more signs about the economy's direction. Stocks are higher for a second straight week on hopes that a rebound is strengthening.

The market bounced higher a week ago after the Labor Department said employers cut fewer jobs in February than economists had expected. But trading has been more subdued since then amid little fresh news about the economy.

Neil Menard, principal at Steben & Co. in Rockville, Md., said the market could continue to make incremental gains until investors have a better sense about the job market. He sees little confidence behind stocks' advance the past two weeks.

"There is a lack of conviction in the markets," he said. "Everyone is kind of in wait-and-see mode."

In midafternoon trading, the Dow rose 9.00, or 0.1 percent, to 10,620.84. The broader S&P 500 index rose 0.22, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,150.46. The Nasdaq composite index fell 0.01, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,368.45. It stands at an 18-month high.

Bond prices were mixed. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.71 percent from 3.73 percent late Thursday.

Crude oil fell \$1.06 to \$81.05 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The dollar mostly fell against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Stocks were mixed Monday after insurer American International Group Inc. sold one of its big foreign divisions to MetLife Inc. for

\$15.5 billion. The market inched higher Tuesday and Wednesday and posted bigger gains Thursday after Citigroup Inc.'s CEO said the bank was moving toward "sustained profitability." Citigroup was the hardest hit bank during the financial crisis.

The coming week could provide important signals about the economy. The Federal Reserve's interest rate committee meets Tuesday. Although policymakers are almost certain to leave their target interest rate at a record low of essentially zero, traders will be looking at the policy statement that follows the meeting. Even the slightest shift in the Fed's language on how long interest rates will remain unchanged or on its assessment of the economy likely would move the market. Reports are also due on inflation and regional manufacturing.

Meanwhile, the government's sales report boosted retail stocks. Macy's Inc. rose 60 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$21.66. Target Corp. rose 7 cents to \$52.88.

Aeropostale Inc. rose \$1.44, or 5.3 percent, to \$28.49 after its profit report late Thursday topped analysts' expectations. Advancing stocks narrowly outpaced those that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 605.9 million shares compared with 561 million traded at the same point Thursday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 0.65, or 0.1 percent, to 676.57.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.2 percent, Germany's DAX index rose 0.3 percent, and France's CAC-40 slipped less than 0.1 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 0.8 percent. □



Mechanics fix Toyota vehicles inside a service centre in Taipei March 3, 2010.

REUTERS/Nicky Loh

## Calif. lawsuit claims Toyota hid defect evidence

By Dan Whitcomb  
and Bernie Woodall

LOS ANGELES/DETROIT (Reuters) — In the latest blow to Toyota Motor Corp, a Southern California prosecutor filed the first consumer protection lawsuit against the automaker, claiming it had engaged in "fraud" by hiding evidence of dangerous vehicle defects.

At the same time, Connecticut's attorney general and a U.S. senator from New York both pressed the Japanese automaker to investigate cases of more recent accidents where vehicles reportedly accelerated out of control.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas filed a lawsuit in California court on Friday, seeking damages from Toyota for violations of the state's unfair business practices act. The suit claims that Toyota "knowingly" sold hundreds of thousands of vehicles at risk for unintended acceleration while taking "steps to hide and mislead the public about the defects."

"Against this backdrop of fraud and concealment, Toyota has for decades touted its reputation for safety and reliability and knew that people bought its vehicles because of that reputation, and yet purposefully chose to conceal and suppress the existence and nature of defects," the suit said.

Toyota had no immediate comment on the lawsuit, which joins a growing list of legal claims against the automaker.

In addition to pending class-action lawsuits, Toyota also faces a probe by the Securities and Exchange Commission and a criminal investigation by federal prosecutors.

The latest legal challenge comes at a crucial time for Toyota, which has been working to win back consumers and demonstrate that it has taken steps to address mistakes the automaker has acknowledged compromised vehicle quality.

Separately on Friday, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said he was pushing Toyota to investigate three accidents involving Camrys in the state in the past week.

"I will vigorously and aggressively investigate to assure that Toyota is addressing and correcting potentially fatal defects in its vehicles," Blumenthal said.

In New York, Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat, said he wanted to see the automaker move to probe the cause of an accident in his state involving a Prius with a potentially stuck accelerator pedal. □



# SPORTS

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# Lindsey Vonn wins overall World Cup title



Lindsey Vonn of the United States holds the trophies of the alpine ski, Women's World Cup super-G and downhill discipline titles, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Friday, March 12, 2010.

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## MLS players vote to strike if no deal by opener, March 25

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Soccer players voted to strike if a new labor contract isn't agreed to before the season opener on March 25. The league's first collective bargaining agreement, a five-year deal, originally was set to run out Jan. 31 but was extended twice while negotiations continued. It expired Feb. 25 after the MLS Players Union refused another extension. "Recent comments from players simply reflect the fact that the players are unified and, per the results of our strike vote, will not begin the new season if a new agreement with the league is not reached," union executive director Bob Foose said in a statement Thursday.

The union did not detail the strike authorization vote.

Negotiators for management and players met Tuesday and Wednesday in Washington,

D.C., in talks convened by George H. Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

On Thursday, Toronto defender Nick Garcia was quoted by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. as saying: "We're anticipating not having the season starting. ... As of now, for us, we're very far apart, even with the mediator there in D.C."

Unhappy with the single-entity structure that has resulted in the league negotiating all contracts since play began in 1996, players want greater free-agent rights and a higher percentage of guaranteed deals. Player income averaged \$147,945 at the start of last season, according to the union. But the median — the point at which an equal number make above or below — was \$88,000 for 323 players listed.

"We have an understanding with the union and the mediator that we will not publicly discuss what takes

NESHA STARCEVIC,  
AP Sports Writer

G A R M I S C H - P A R T E N K I R C H E N , Germany (AP) — Olympic downhill gold medalist Lindsey Vonn capped a historic season with her third straight overall World Cup title Friday.

Vonn won the final super-G race of the season for her 33rd World Cup win, which breaks the tie she had with Bode Miller as the most decorated American skier.

"This was the dream season. To break the U.S. record in World Cup wins and to get the Olympic gold in the downhill,

my favorite discipline, and the overall title for the third time, for me it doesn't get much better," Vonn said. "When you work this hard and be rewarded like this at the end of the season feels so great." Vonn became the first woman to win three straight overall titles since Petra Kronberger of Austria in 1990-92. Only three other women have that many overall titles — Vreni Schneider of Switzerland and Janica Kostelic of Croatia have three each and Annemarie Moser-Proell of Austria leads all with six.

"Someone just told me she had won six World Cups overall and I think my jaw is still on the ground right now," Vonn said.

Vonn was the last racer to go down the Kandahar hill and could have chosen not to race since she knew by then she had the title. She had a bruised

right knee after falling in Thursday's giant slalom and is still nursing a shin bruise and a broken little right finger.

Vonn's title was secure when rival and friend Maria Riesch of Germany dropped out of the top two. Riesch finished fourth, giving Vonn an unassailable lead of 215 points in the standings before the last race of the season, Saturday's slalom.

"I knew before I started. I had (husband) Thomas at the start with me. I was so nervous, because I knew if Maria was second or higher I had to get into the top seven or risk letting the globe slip through my fingers," said Vonn, who will skip the slalom. "I am just so glad I was able to do it. I can't tell you the relief I have that I won, that I got the overall title and the season is finally over."

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This March 18, 2009, file photo shows Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber during a news conference in Vancouver. MLS commissioner Garber is confident the start of the season will not be affected by a potential strike. The league's first collective bargaining agreement expired Thursday after the sides twice extended the five-year deal, which originally was to have run out Jan. 31.

Associated Press place during these bargaining sessions, so we were disappointed when we saw comment from a number of players that both characterized the status of the negotiations and discussed the possibility of a strike," MLS president Mark Abbott said before Foose's announcement. □

## Sagan wins fifth stage of Paris-Nice



Peter Sagan of Slovakia wins the fifth stage of the Paris-Nice cycling race in Aix en Provence, southeastern France, Friday, March 12, 2010. Alberto Contador of Spain leads the race overall.

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A I X - E N - P R O V E N C E , France (AP) — Peter Sagan of Slovakia won the fifth stage

of the Paris-Nice race and Alberto Contador of Spain finished close behind to keep the overall lead.

Sagan, who won the third stage, forged ahead about 2 kilometers (1.25 miles) from the line and held on to beat Italian rider Mirco Lorenzetto by two seconds over the 157-kilometer (97.3-mile) ride from Pernes-les-Fontaines to Aix-en-Provence.

The 20-year-old Sagan won the stage in 3 hours, 34 minutes and 14 seconds.

The chasing group included Spanish rider Alejandro Valverde, who finished third. Contador was 10th.

Although Contador and Valverde clocked the same time, Valverde picked up a sprint bonus and fractionally trimmed Contador's overall lead to 20 seconds. □



# Els takes the lead at Doral

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DORAL, Florida (AP) — Ernie Els was in the lead and off the golf course, and he wasn't sure which made him feel better.

Rushing to finish as dark clouds gathered over the Blue Monster, Els made one last birdie for a 6-under 66 and a one-shot lead over Robert Allenby before heavy rain suspended the second round Friday in the CA Championship.

The 18 players who didn't finish were hopeful of getting back on the course late Friday

afternoon, although none could keep Els from his first lead after any round on U.S. soil since he won the Honda Classic two years ago.

"It's in the books, and we were pretty lucky to get done," he said. "We ran the last two holes just to get in the house." He was at 10-under 134, courtesy of three straight birdies early in his round, when his shotmaking was supreme, and how he held it together when the wind and weather changed quickly and dramatically.

Els was standing over his tee shot on the par-3 fourth when

he felt a gust, not unusual except that this one felt cold.

"I'm just about to pull the club back and I just felt this chill come over. And I thought, 'What's going on here?' And the wind just changed right there," he said.

He came up short of the green and scrambled for par.

"Very, very strange," Els said. "I think the only other time I had that happen was in Scotland when the tide changed. Other than that, I've never seen that happen."

Allenby was tied for the lead until a three-putt from 50 feet in rain so strong he could



Ernie Els of South Africa watches his tee shot on the 11th tee during the second round at the CA Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla., Friday, March 12, 2010.

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## NBA Capsules

# Seven straight wins now for hot Orlando Magic

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) —

The Orlando Magic pulled away early to set up a 111-82 thrashing of the injury-hit Chicago Bulls on Thursday, extending their NBA winning streak to a season-best seven games.

Vince Carter had 23 points and Matt Barnes added 14 in another blowout victory against a struggling team for the Magic.

All-Star point guard Derrick Rose sprained his left wrist in a midair collision with Dwight Howard in the first quarter and didn't return for the Bulls, the latest setback in a season that's quickly going sour.

Taj Gibson and Hakim Warrick had 12 points apiece, not nearly enough to prevent Chicago's sixth consecutive loss.

**Hawks 105, Wizards 99**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jamal Crawford scored 29 points to lead Atlanta over Washington.

Joe Johnson and Al Horford each scored 18 points in Atlanta's first trip to the nation's capital this season for the makeup of a game that was postponed Feb. 6 due to a blizzard which left two feet of snow in the area.

Andray Blatche had 30



Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard, second from left, cheers on his teammates along with guard Vince Carter, left, guard Jameer Nelson, and forward Matt Barnes, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Clippers in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Howard rested most of the second half as Orlando won 113-87.

Associated Press

points and 10 rebounds for Washington, in the midst of a stretch of three games in three nights because of the schedule change.

Crawford scored 12 points in the final 3:37 of the third quarter, making six free throws and connecting on two of his four 3-pointers.

**Trail Blazers 110, Warriors 105**

In Oakland, California, Portland overcame a 13-point

fourth-quarter deficit to beat Golden State.

Brandon Roy scored 41 points and Andre Miller added 15 points and seven assists for the Blazers, who put together a late 17-3 run.

The comeback could prove vital as Portland clings onto the eighth spot in the Western Conference.

Corey Maggette scored 24 points for the Warriors, who lost their sixth straight. □

barely see the flag. The bogey gave him a 67 and will put him in the final group with Els on Saturday.

Bill Haas had a 66 and was at 7-under 137, tied with Charl Schwartzel, who was behind the 18th green when play was halted. Padraig Harrington (68) and Soren Hansen (69) were at 6-under 138.

Allenby's moment with the weather came on his 11th hole, the 404-yard second, which some players can reach off the tee with the wind at the back. Allenby chose a 5-wood to play conservatively, and he was expecting to hit a wedge. The wind reversed direction as his ball was in the air, and when he got to his ball, Allenby had to hit a 6-iron from 147 yards.

It was so bizarre that Allenby and Lucas Glover each hit 5-wood. Then the wind switched and Jim Furyk, the last to play in their group, had to hit driver. He still didn't get it past them.

"It got tricky, that's for sure," Allenby said.

Allenby's round featured a pair of eagles — one of them a 7-iron from the right rough on the downwind, par-5 first hole to about 12 feet, the other a 5-wood for a hole-in-one on the difficult par-3 13th, which played 232 yards into the wind.

He also had a few blunders, playing out of the sand far too much on the 16th hole on his way to double bogey and his final bogey.

Els, who lives a block away from Allenby in Palm Beach Country, was far more

consistent. He had to scramble for a few pars right about the time the weather shifted, but otherwise was close to flawless.

That was a sharp change from last week at the Honda Classic, when he failed to break par and finished at the bottom of the pack. The Big Easy put in some big work over the weekend and all the way until it was time to tee off in this World Golf Championship. It's something he has battled his entire career, falling into bad habits as his alignment, posture and stance gets out of sync. By Wednesday, he started feeling everything fall back into place. Through two rounds, he is getting the most important feedback.

Els turned 40 last fall. Although he doesn't believe his career is winding down, he feels refreshed and rested from a reduced travel schedule and wants to be sure his game is sharp.

"When you are like that mentally, you want to have a bit of game with that," he said. "So that's why I really wanted to get my mechanics right and give myself a really good chance. If I can get those two flowing, I think I might have some good stuff happening."

He was at his best early in the round, starting with a 7-iron from the rough to 4 feet on the 14th hole. He followed with a 7-iron to about 10 feet, then a wedge that settled 2 feet from the hole on the 16th.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson was among those still on the course, 4 under with one hole to play. □



# Fish advances to second round at Indian Wells



**Malanie Oudin hits to Roberta Vinci, of Italy, in their match during the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Thursday, March 11, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

INDIAN WELLS, California (AP)—Former finalist Mardy Fish beat Michael Berrer of Germany 1-6, 6-1, 6-3 at the BNP Paribas Open on Thursday to set up a second-round match against second-seeded Novak Djokovic. The 28-year-old American, sidelined most of the second half of last season due to a fractured rib and left knee surgery, has lost all three previous matches—including the 2008 final at Indian Wells—to Djokovic.

Former No. 1-ranked Carlos Moya led the men's advance to the second round, but made more than 50 unforced errors before overcoming American qualifier Tim Smyczek 7-6 (7), 7-6 (5).

The 33-year-old Spaniard had to save two set points in the opening tiebreaker and then saved two set points while trailing 5-3 in the second, before finally winning in 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Smyczek, ranked No. 295, hadn't won a set in his two previous ATP Tour level matches but pushed Moya all the way.

Moya, who reached the No. 1 ranking by reaching the Indian Wells title here in

1999, missed all but four tournaments last season due to hamstring and toe injuries and had only one match win

## NHL Roundup

# Sharks turn on the style to beat Predators

SAN JOSE, California (AP)—The San Jose Sharks reclaimed the outright lead of the NHL Western Conference in some style, coming from behind to beat the Nashville Predators 8-5 on Thursday.

San Jose entered the third period trailing 4-2, but Joe Pavelski set up two goals to bring the Sharks level and then scored the go-ahead goal with a scintillating spin move.

Dany Heatley also scored twice and had an assist, Manny Malhotra had a goal and two assists in the third period, Patrick Marleau scored his 40th goal, and Joe Thornton and Jay Leach also netted for San Jose, which recorded its third straight comeback win.

Patric Hornqvist and J.P. Dumont each scored twice for Nashville, and Colin Wilson added a goal.

**Flames 2, Senators 0**

In Calgary, Miikka Kiprusoff

this year coming into the BNP Paribas Open.

Croatia's Mario Ancic rallied for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over American Bobby Reynolds, joining Frenchmen Jeremy Chardy and Florent Serra, Fabio Fognini of Italy, Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay, Ramon Delgado of Paraguay, Philipp Petzschner of Germany, Kevin Anderson of South Africa, Rainer Schuettler of Germany and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain in the second round.

On the women's side, 16-year-old Sloane Stephens beat Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic 7-6 (5), 7-6 (7) to register her first in the first WTA Tour level win.

Stephens, who at No. 747 is the lowest-ranked player to

win a main draw match at this event, led, 5-2, in the second set and had match point on serve in the ninth game, then had to rally from 3-6 down in the second-set tiebreaker.

Her fellow Americans Shenay Perry and Melanie Oudin went out. Perry lost to Karolina Sprem, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 and Oudin lost 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 to Roberta Vinci of Italy.

The 18-year-old Oudin, a quarterfinalist at last year's U.S. Open, had reached at least the quarterfinals in her two most recent events.

Among those moving into the second round were Julia Goerges of Germany, Julie Coin of France, Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova

of the Czech Republic.

Seeded players in the women's draw begin play in the second round Friday, with No. 2 Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark facing American Vania King in the opening match. Friday night will be highlighted by the Hit for Haiti charity fund raiser. In that, Roger Federer and Pete Sampras will play Rafael Nadal and Andre Agassi in one doubles match, then Steffi Graf and Lindsay Davenport will play Justine Henin and Martina Navratilova.

The event, which also will feature singer Tony Bennett, is a sellout at the 16,100-seat Tennis Garden and the goal is to raise \$1 million for victims of the earthquake. □



**San Jose Sharks center Joe Pavelski, center, scores past Nashville Predators goalie Dan Ellis, right, as right wing Jerred Smithson defends during the third period of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif., Thursday, March 11, 2010. San Jose won 8-5.**

*Associated Press*

Paul Stastny scored twice and Matt Hendricks also netted for Colorado, ending the Panthers' winning trot at three.

**Bruins 5, Flyers 1**

In Philadelphia, Tuukka Rask made 31 saves to help Boston overcome Philadelphia.

Mark Recchi, Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci scored second-period goals for the Bruins, while Blake Wheeler and Marco Sturm also scored.

The Flyers' goal came via Jeff Carter.

In Detroit, Johan Franzen scored twice in Detroit's win over Minnesota.

Henrik Zetterberg had a goal and two assists, and Jimmy Howard made 21 saves for Detroit. Tomas Holmstrom added a goal and an assist, and Drew Miller also scored.

Andrew Ebbett netted for Minnesota.

In Columbus, Ohio, Columbus

weathered a late rally to beat Atlanta.

The Thrashers, who lost their fourth in a row, had several good scoring chances after Johnny Oduya's goal with 2:21 left. But Mathieu Garon made 28 saves, including several big stops in the final minute while Atlanta had two extra attackers.

Kristian Huselius had a goal and an assist and R.J. Umberger also scored for the Blue Jackets.

Atlanta's defeat clinched the Southeast Division title for the Washington Capitals.

**In other NHL games it was, St. Louis 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, SO; Montreal 5, Edmonton 4, SO; Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT; Boston 5, Philadelphia 1; Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT; Columbus 2, Atlanta 1; Detroit 5, Minnesota 1; Colorado 3, Florida 0; Calgary 2, Ottawa 0; and San Jose 8, Nashville 5.** □

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**VONN**

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Vonn also picked up titles in the downhill, the super-G and the combined events. Besides current injuries, she also bruised her left arm in a crash in December.

Vonn's 11 wins this season is also an American record. Only one skier ever had more, Schneider with 14 in the 1988-89 season. Moser-Proell and Anja Paerson of Sweden also have 11 in one season. Vonn's 33 career wins puts her in a tie for sixth place on the all-time list with Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein. Moser-Proell leads that list with 62.

Riesch needed to finish in the top two in the super-G on her home slope to remain in the title race.

"I am a little upset because I had really good race at the top but I made a mistake at the bottom, near the finish line," Riesch said. "But I still have a chance for the slalom title tomorrow."

Vonn has spent the Christmas holidays with Riesch at the German's home in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and is popular with German fans. She is a good German speaker.

"Maria didn't make it easy for me," Vonn said.

"She is such a strong competitor in all five disciplines and she didn't let off the gas the entire year. She made it a tough fight for me, but I think that is awesome.

"I love competing with Maria. We have both had a great season and she is going to be one of my toughest — if not the toughest — competitors for my entire career."

Vonn won the race on the 2,180-meter long Kandahar course in 1 minute, 19.30 seconds. Elisabeth Goergl of Austria was second in 1:19.46 and Nadia Styger of Switzerland took third in 1:19.87, .02 seconds ahead of Riesch.

Olympic champion Andrea Fischbacher of Austria crashed.

"I am now going to go somewhere warm for a long time and not put my skis on after today probably until August," Vonn said. "It has been a long season and I am looking forward to some place — really anywhere — with a lounge chair and a drink with an umbrella in it."

Vonn won four of seven super-



Ted Ligety of the United States, left, shows the trophy of the alpine ski, Men's World Cup giant slalom discipline title, flanked by U.S. Lindsey Vonn, holding the trophy of the alpine ski, Women's super-G discipline title, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Friday, March 12, 2010.

*Associated Press*

G races this season. She also won the downhill gold medal at the Vancouver Olympics

and the bronze in the super-G. "I am looking forward to recuperating and recovering

and not hurting my body for a few months at least," Vonn said. □

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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY



# Pacquiao and Clotey meet in Cowboy Stadium

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— The phenomenon that is Manny Pacquiao grew with a series of wins against some of the biggest names around. Now he has a fight to win against a guy who has nothing to lose.

It wasn't supposed to be that way, but things rarely turn out as planned in boxing. Instead of fighting in one of the biggest bouts ever against Floyd Mayweather Jr., Pacquiao will have to settle for fighting in one of the biggest stadiums ever.

The opponent is Joshua Clotey, and he's what the wise guys in Las Vegas would call a live dog. A talented boxer who has never been stopped and briefly held a piece of the welterweight title, he brings some credentials of his own into Saturday night's 147-pound fight at Cowboy Stadium.

But while he may be fighting on the star, there's only one star in this show. Little guys aren't supposed to fill big stadiums, yet some 45,000 fans are expected to be on hand to watch Pacquiao up close and personal — and on the huge overhead video screens that will show every drop of sweat and blood.

"The best fighter I've ever seen," said promoter Bob Arum, who includes Muhammad Ali in that group. "No one has ever punched with equal power from both hands like Manny."

Arum has a financial interest in saying that, of course, but there are few in boxing who would argue that Pacquiao is a talent unlike any the sport has seen in recent years. He's coming off a stoppage of Miguel Cotto that cemented his credentials at 147 pounds, and he has created a buzz about boxing the sport desperately



Boxing promoter Bob Arum, left, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, right watch as Joshua Clotey, from Ghana and Manny Pacquiao, second left, from the Philippines square off during the weigh-in for their boxing welterweight fight on Saturday outside of Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, Friday, March 12, 2010.

Associated Press

needed.

Twelve years ago he won his first title at 112 pounds. Now he's a champion in seven weight classes who will make at least \$12 million in a gleaming new stadium far from the bright lights of Las Vegas.

Just as importantly, Pacquiao's doing it without Mayweather, now a bitter rival after talks for their megafight collapsed over Mayweather's insistence on blood testing — and what Pacquiao believes was the inference he bulked up on performance-enhancing drugs.

"Some fighters like me, we can be the greatest fighters without fast words and trash talk," Pacquiao said. "His (Mayweather's) style is talking a lot of trash and it is not a good example for everybody."

Pacquiao is a 5-1 favorite in the scheduled 12-round fight

(HBO pay-per-view beginning at 9 p.m. EST) which is expected to sell out a stadium scaled down for boxing.

Pacquiao weighed in at 145¾ pounds for the fight while Clotey weighed in at 147 pounds on Friday.

The odds are probably more lopsided than the talent differential between the two fighters, but it takes long odds to get anyone to bet against Pacquiao these days.

He was already a well-respected fighter when he began his current streak by stopping Oscar De La Hoya and forcing him into retirement. He followed that with a knockout of Ricky Hatton before stopping Cotto in November.

Now he plans to add Clotey to his list of victims, and then take some time out to run for congress in his native Philippines. Mayweather

could await in September, assuming Pacquiao wins and Mayweather beats Shane Mosley on May 1, but Pacquiao has also hinted it may be time to hang the gloves up after fighting as a pro for 15 years. "This is my last fight before the election," he said. "I am not saying I'm going to retire. It is hard to say right now when I'm going to retire, but this is my last fight before the election and I'm very excited about that."

Clotey, a native of Ghana who lives in New York City, was picked as an opponent largely on the basis of his fight last June against Cotto. Most believe he was winning that bout before inexplicably backing off in the last few rounds. He throws a lot of punches and has a strong chin, but his style of standing in front of an opponent seems perfectly suited to Pacquiao's frenetic pace of punching.

"He is what he is. Let's face it. He fights the same way in every tape I watch," said Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach.

"Whether he fights southpaws or right-handers, he is predictable. He's good at what he does, but he does the same thing over and over again and he is very predictable. He's going to try to change for this fight, but once he gets in he will revert back to it."

Clotey (35-3) faces the additional challenge of fighting without his usual trainer, whose visa issues kept him out of the country. But he's quietly confident he can rise to the occasion, hoping to use his excellent defense to thwart Pacquiao.

"It's the key to the fight because he throws a thousand punches," Clotey said. "Everybody that he's fought, when he throws a thousand punches, they've all landed. When I'm blocking mine, I'm going to see how he's going to think."

If Pacquiao wasn't enough to sell this promotion, Arum and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones have combined to promote the \$1.2 billion stadium as an attraction of its own. Boxing has been done in stadiums over the years, of course, but this may be the first time even those in the cheap (\$50) seats will have a good view of the action.

Jones wanted to host a Pacquiao-Mayweather fight, and was bitterly disappointed when it couldn't be made. But his investment in this fight could have a big payoff for future fights.

"It didn't take me long to make my mind up that somehow, some way, we wanted to have Manny fighting here," Jones said. "I made my mind up in building this stadium I was not going to be associated with anything but the best." □



Minister Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar

## Aruba commits to eliminate abuse against women



ORANJESTAD—Even though Aruba has done a lot to penalize violence and abuse of women, the community has to get over the notion that the topic is ‘taboo.’ Minister of Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs Michelle Hooyboer Winklaar is determined to comply

with the stipulations of the Commission on Women’s Rights of the United Nations, and says the biggest challenge is to convince the community to come forward and denounce these cases.

The Minister made that statement recently, after

giving a review of what Aruba has done so far to comply with the Treaty on Women’s Right to the UN Commission.

Women’s Rights are much more than protection against violence and abuse. It also entails equal opportunity in the labor market. Aruba is among the countries where women do form half of the work force, namely 50 percent.

More and more women here occupy top positions, but it is still not at the level stipulated for example in the Scandinavian countries, which is at least 40 percent. However, Norway was able to achieve this by introducing appropriate laws, the Minister stated.

She is also happy to report that on education level, Aruba is also doing well, when it comes to women. Women comprise the largest group attending the pre-University high-school program, VWO, at Colegio Arubano.

But there are some problems. Teenage pregnancy is a major issue. There are too many young girls who leave the school system, not just because of one pregnancy.

Minister Hooyboer Winklaar is worried with the phenomenon that many teenage mothers seem to get stuck in the cycle, giving birth to two even three babies before finishing their school. She assured the government is working on a policy on how best to reach out to teen mothers, to stimulate them to at least complete their high school. In order to be successful though, Aruba needs to have a sound child care system in place in order to help these young parents.

The Minister also promised the Foundation for Women in Difficulties all her support in mapping the problem of violence and abuse against women here. The UN Commission for Women’s Rights wanted concrete numbers of cases here in Aruba, and emphasized the need for consequences for the abuser. Mrs. Hooyboer Winklaar said Aruba is lagging behind in that area. “I could not tell the Commission we are doing everything because that is not true. I could not tell them that the community in general is taking this issue very seriously, since this is not true either. But I gave them my word that we will work on this. This Government will have a plan

and program dedicated to eliminate violence and abuse against women.”

But in order to be successful, the community has to open up and come clean with cases. Too many times, families and women choose to remain quiet. “Relatives, friends, individuals have to assume the responsibility to denounce and become more open on this serious issue, that affect not only the dignity of the victim but also of the abuser and children involved.” Minister Hooyboer Winklaar said that the topic may be difficult to discuss, but in order to receive help and assistance, a person needs to have the courage to speak up. “This is a step we need to take.”

Minister Hooyboer Winklaar on the other hand was proud of a new bond that has been forged between the countries of the Kingdom, with the goal to jointly address the topic of violence and abuse against women.

The UN Commission on Women’s Rights reacted positively on this (new) approach, which entails the adoption of best practices in progress in the various countries, and also exchange of information and expertise.

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THE HAGUE - Transport minister Camiel Eurlings is to leave politics after the next general election in order to focus on his family.

'Over the coming period, the emphasis will be more on my private life. This is a choice I have made together with my girlfriend and a choice I am fully committed to,' Eurlings said in a statement.

Eurlings, 36, is regarded in many Christian Democratic circles as the successor to party leader and prime minister Jan Peter Balkenende.

The Telegraaf reported on Thursday morning that he was being given second place on the party's election list so he could step smoothly into Balkenende's shoes if the June 9 election is a disaster for the CDA.

Balkenende said he regarded it as 'unbelievably regrettable,'

that Eurlings is to leave active politics but that he 'respected and valued' his decision.

Also the Dutch Labour Party leader, Wouter Bos, is resigning and is leaving the political scene entirely. Once tipped as a potential prime minister, the politician says he's stepping down as he doesn't want to miss his children growing up.

He says he will not be leading Labour into elections scheduled for 9 June and will no longer be available for any political posts, including being an MP. He has led Labour since 2002.

The Amsterdam Mayor, Job Cohen, a political heavyweight, is widely seen as the most likely candidate to replace Mr Bos as Labour leader.

Until three weeks ago Wouter

Bos was deputy prime minister in the governing coalition, but the cabinet fell in a dispute over extending the Dutch troop mission in Afghanistan. A clash with Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende, from the Christian Democrat CDA, over the issue led to Wouter Bos pulling his ministers out of the government, triggering its collapse.

### Reactions

Shocked. Amazed. Disappointed. These were some of the reactions to Wouter Bos' announcement. The Labour leader says he wants to spend more time with his wife and three children. "If I were to continue and become prime minister, I would completely miss seeing my own children grow up. That is not worth it."

The coalition between his Labour Party and the Christian CDA was never easy for Wouter Bos. He had to compromise on a number of his party's fundamental standpoints, including giving up on an inquiry into Dutch support for the US invasion of Iraq.

In the end, it proved one compromise too many and Mr Bos brought the cabinet down when he refused to talk about options of extending the Dutch troop mission in Afghanistan.

### Dented reputation

The Labour Party benefited in public opinion polls from the fall of the cabinet, and went on to limit its losses in municipal elections ten days later. Nevertheless, after three



**Labour leader Wouter Bos**

years of governing, Mr Bos' image had suffered.

The same can be said about Christian Democrat leader Jan Peter Balkenende. Except that, for Mr Balkenende, this was his fourth cabinet in eight years and his party very quickly re-elected him as their leader going into elections in June. But many say the country is tired of Mr Balkenende as prime minister, and question his ability to lead a strong cabinet.

Dutch politics is going through a particularly turbulent period. The rise of Geert Wilder's far-right Freedom Party, and the loss of support for the three dominant parties, Labour, the Christian Democrats and the Conservative VVD, has turned the political scene on its head.

### Change of guard

The resignations of the two leaders, along with last week's resignation of Socialist Party leader Agnes Kant, signal a changing of the guard in Dutch politics as parliamentary elections loom.

The Christian Democrats have a well-known figure leading them into June's parliamentary elections in Jan Peter Balkenende. The Labour Party, like the Socialist Party, has to start from scratch. This is highly unusual so close to an election.

But unlike the Socialist Party, with almost unknown Emile Roemer taking over, the Labour Party will turn to Amsterdam Mayor Job Cohen, already a national figure. He will see if he can lead the Labour Party to its first win in a parliamentary election since 1998. □



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*Control Your Anger - Consider The Consequences*

Yesterday we talked about being aware of the consequences of our actions, using particle accelerators as an example. Great theory, but its useless if we can't apply it to our daily lives when we are in dire need of help. In every conscious moment, we must remain fully aware

that every action we take has a direct effect on others and on ourselves. When we keep this in mind, we will chose our actions far more consciously.

Most laws are in place because we don't think of the possible consequences of our actions. Many people, especially younger drivers, don't realize the delicate balance between driving carelessly and accidentally inflicting a life-changing traumatic incident onto an innocent stranger. The point is that speed limits are in place to prevent tragedy when people don't think about the consequences of speeding.

hinders all efforts. This is ultimately a shift away from ego, and toward the next dimension of Love.

Tomorrow, we will conclude our discussion of Particle Accelerators, Ancient Worlds and everence, with the wisdom of Dr. Seuss.

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~Quentin Danziger

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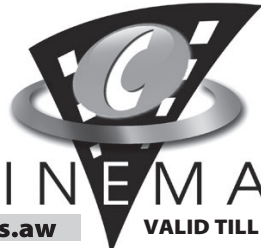
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This will help you detach from emotion in the midst of your daily trials. Instead of flying off the handle and reacting irrationally from raw emotion, remembering that every action holds a consequence might help us to calm down and think things through before taking logical action after weighing the benefits and consequences.

When considering action, ask yourself who will be affected and how, including yourself. What is your intention behind the action? What result do you want to achieve? This will help you step out of irrational, reactionary emotion, and allow you to take action based on how it might affect others and ourselves.

Thinking about the possible consequences of our actions is the root of personal and societal morality. If we dont like it, there's a good chance that others wont like it either. The more we each choose to not hurt others in each moment, the fewer rules and restrictions we will need as a society, both communal and worldwide.



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EAGLE BEACH – Dia di Hymno & Bandera, Aruba's national Flag & Anthem day will be celebrated at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club as a patriotic event, hosted by General Manager Joe Najjar, the executive team, the department heads and all associates.

The focus will be on Aruba's culture, with two mega events in the planning, a private opening ceremony held in-house on Monday with all associates in attendance and a public happening on Tuesday March 16th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. held on the pool deck of the resort design to attract locals and visitors.

Titled, Aruba -- Our Pride and Treasure, the event on Tuesday will include a special happy hour with OREO & CLAUDIUS PHILLIPS, commenced with the raising of the flag, the singing of Aruba's national anthem by Hilyann Croes, and an abundance of music and dance with Caha di Orgel "Nos Ambiente," and Nelson Sprock, the Mini Chaz Dancers, child-singer Jairee Oduber, the Youth Chaz Dancers, and the Folkloric dance group of Santa Cruz.

The pool deck fiesta will offer various food stands featuring La Cabana's legendary "Bai Plat" Seafood Chowder, and carni stobá, the equally famous beef stew; pickled onions, delicious frekedel snacks, pan bati and fried plantain, perfectly grilled blood sausage, and the best stewed goat under the sun, served with funchi and fried plantain!

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Pictured here, some snapshots from last year. □





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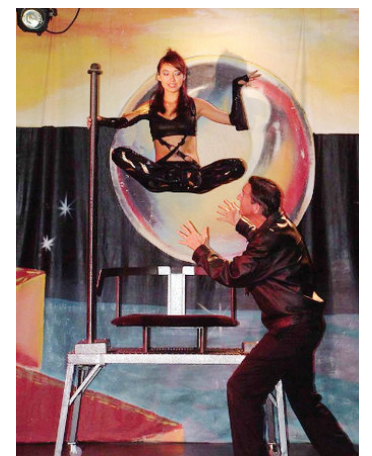
and on network television, Mr. Steinfeld recently authored "the Houdini Conspiracy", aka "Houdini Lives!", a collaborated work with new england mystery writer

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# How clean are bagged salads?



**By Lori Bongiorno**

Packaged salads are not nearly as clean as their “pre-washed” and “triple-washed” labels suggest. Recent Consumer Reports’ tests found bacteria that are “common indicators of poor sanitation and fecal contamination” in many of the packaged salad greens it tested.

The nonprofit group tested 208 containers of salad greens and found that 39 percent of the samples exceeded acceptable levels for coliforms and 23 percent had unsafe levels of enterococcus.

On a positive note, these tests didn’t find disease-causing bacteria such as

E.coli O157:H7, listeria, or salmonella in any of the samples.

“It’s never a good idea to have fecal bacteria in your food or water because it means that untreated waste has gotten into them somehow,” says food safety expert Marion Nestle. “But only toxic bacteria make you sick, and the good news in this otherwise queasy-making study is that they didn’t find any.”

No one is suggesting that you stop eating salad. Just take some of the precautions below to make sure you’re eating the safest greens possible:

Always wash salad greens, even if the bag says

“prewashed” or “triple-washed.”

Rinsing won’t remove all the bacteria, according to Consumer Reports, but it may remove residual soil. Washing with plain water works as well as anything else, says Nestle. There’s no need to use detergent, vinegar, or special produce washes.

Buy packaged greens as far from their expiration date as possible. In the tests, Consumer Reports found that many packages with higher bacteria levels were one to five days before their use-by date. Packages of salad that were six to eight days



away from expiration date fared better, according to Consumer Reports. (It’s also interesting to note that many of the packages with the highest amounts of bacteria contained spinach.)

Choose fresh greens over packaged when you can. Bagging changes the environment in ways that might promote bacterial proliferation, says Nestle. A fresh, whole head of lettuce is usually less expensive

than a bag of lettuce too.

Buying local may offer extra protection since greens tend to be fresher so their bacteria haven’t had as long an opportunity to multiply, Nestle notes, and this ought to reduce the risks of centralized contamination. However, in the Consumer Reports tests, it didn’t make a difference if greens were organic or if the greens were packaged in plastic clamshells or bags. □







# FDA warning: some patients cannot process Plavix



**FILE -** In this July 28, 2006 file photo, blood thinner medication Plavix is shown in New York. The Food and Drug Administration is adding its strongest warning to the label for Plavix Friday, March 12, 2010, after reports that some patients cannot process the blood thinning drug.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file)

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**,  
AP Business Writer

**WASHINGTON** — The Food and Drug Administration is adding its strongest warning to the label for Plavix, cautioning that some patients do not respond to the blockbuster blood thinner.

The FDA said in a statement Friday that certain patients with a genetic variation cannot metabolize the drug, putting them at increased risk for heart attack and stroke.

Patients can determine if they are "poor metabolizers" by taking a genetic test. The FDA recommends these patients use other blood thinners, such as aspirin.

The FDA added similar language to Plavix's label in November, but the new warning appears within a black box, the FDA's most severe safety labeling.

Plavix is prescribed to heart disease patients to prevent dangerous blood

clots, which can cause heart attack, stroke and death.

With genetic tests costing around \$500, experts say it's unlikely such testing will become standard for patients taking Plavix.

"I think based on this people will do more genetic testing, but I think it's premature to say that everyone who gets Plavix needs to be tested," said Dr. Louis Teichholz, head of cardiology at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Teichholz said the black box warning on Plavix could push more doctors to prescribe Effient, a competing blood thinner launched by Eli Lilly & Co. last summer.

In order to work effectively, Plavix must be broken down by a particular liver enzyme. But FDA says 2 to 14 percent of people in the U.S. have low levels of the enzyme, preventing them from successfully processing Plavix. The likelihood of being a non-responder varies by race, according to the FDA.

"Patients should not stop taking Plavix unless told to do so by their health care professional," the agency said in an online statement. "They should talk with their health care professional if they have any concerns about Plavix, or to find out if they should be tested for

being a poor metabolizer." Using a higher dose of Plavix can increase blood thinning in non-responsive patients, according to the new label, though higher doses have not been cleared by the FDA.

Plavix is marketed by Sanofi-Aventis and Bristol-Myers Squibb. With global sales of \$8.6 billion in 2008, it was the world's second-best selling drug behind Pfizer's cholesterol drug Lipitor.

A spokeswoman for New York-based Bristol-Myers said the company would add the new labeling to bottles of Plavix over the next two months.

"The revisions to the prescribing information for Plavix reflect the companies' ongoing research in collaboration with the FDA," said Laura Hortas. In November, the FDA warned that taking stomach-soothing drugs like Prilosec and Nexium alongside Plavix could cut the blood-thinner's effect in half. Regulators said the key ingredient in the heartburn medications blocks the same liver enzyme needed to break down Plavix, muting the drug's full effect.

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# Colombia realiza elecciones legislativas de gran incidencia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Los colombianos irán a las urnas el próximo domingo para renovar el Congreso, en unas elecciones que pondrán a prueba la fortaleza de la actual coalición de Gobierno e incidirán en futuras alianzas políticas para los comicios presidenciales.

Después del fallo de la Corte Constitucional que dejó al presidente Alvaro Uribe inhabilitado para ser candidato y buscar su segunda reelección inmediata al declarar ilegal un referendo, los partidos y movimientos políticos de su coalición buscarán mantener la mayoría de curules en el Congreso.

Un triunfo de las fuerzas uribistas, encabezadas por el Partido de la U, dejarían en una buena posición al ex ministro de Defensa Juan Manuel Santos para buscar alianzas y recibir un sólido



El presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, saluda a su llegada al Congreso de Valparaíso, a la asunción de Sebastián Piñera. Marzo 11 2010. REUTERS/Edgard Garrido

respaldo para las elecciones presidenciales del 30 de mayo que aspira a ganar para convertirse en el sucesor del actual mandatario y dar continuidad a sus políticas.

“No cambiemos el rumbo, mantengamos el rumbo, hay que estarlo mejorando pero no lo abandonemos”, dijo Uribe en una referencia implícita a su obra de Gobierno y al decisivo apoyo que ha recibido de la coalición en el Congreso.

“Mi invitación a que todos acudan a las urnas”, sostuvo el mandatario en declaraciones a una radio local.

Pero un revés de la coalición con la pérdida de la mayoría de curules en el Senado y la Cámara de Representantes abriría un espacio para el triunfo de un candidato independiente o de la oposición, según analistas.

“La coalición uribista sin Uribe es minoría”, dijo el analista político León Valencia quien advirtió que la falta de liderazgo y la proliferación de dirigentes se podrían reflejar en el avance de otras fuerzas políticas en el Congreso y un mejor posicionamiento para las presidenciales.

La analista Consuelo Ahumada advirtió sobre el movimiento de grandes sumas de dinero en varias regiones del país con el aparente propósito de comprar electores para que voten por determinados candidatos reviviendo el fantasma de fraude y de alianzas de políticos con grupos armados ilegales.

## SOMBRA DEL PASADO

Unos 30 congresistas aliados de Uribe que fueron elegidos en los comicios del 2006 perdieron sus curules y terminaron en la cárcel acusados de recibir apoyo de antiguos escuadrones paramilitares de ultraderecha con los que, de acuerdo con las investigaciones, hicieron pactos para garantizar su elección.

Otros 30 legisladores fueron investigados en el mismo proceso que incluyó acusaciones de que los grupos armados ilegales financiaron sus campañas con dinero del

narcotráfico.

Los analistas sostienen que después del escándalo se abrieron espacios para una necesaria renovación en el Congreso y que los partidos y electores tendrán la oportunidad de realizar una depuración, aunque los políticos implicados intentarán mantener su influencia con candidaturas de familiares y aliados.

“Hay muchos recursos de sectores mafiosos y los que están en la cárcel han logrado reciclarse a través de sus familiares y amigos que los representan”, dijo Ahumada. La Defensoría del Pueblo también alertó sobre el riesgo que corren las elecciones en 362 de los más de 1.102 municipios del país en donde grupos armados ilegales pueden afectar la transparencia y la libertad del proceso electoral.

La institución reveló que en 30 de los 32 departamentos se podrían registrar presiones y ataques por parte de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), del Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) y de grupos armados conformados por antiguos paramilitares al servicio del narcotráfico.

De acuerdo con la Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, 2.476 candidatos entre presentadores de televisión, modelos, actrices, deportistas retirados, ex rehenes de las FARC y experimentados políticos aspiran a 102 curules del Senado y 166 de la Cámara de Representantes. Más de 29,8 millones de colombianos están habilitados para votar en unas elecciones históricamente marcadas por una alta abstención.

Las Fuerzas Armadas se encuentran en estado de máxima alerta para garantizar el normal desarrollo del proceso y evitar posibles ataques de la guerrilla si intenta sabotear los comicios. Paralelamente con las votaciones legislativas, los partidos Conservador y Verde elegirán a sus candidatos presidenciales en consultas internas. □

# Michelle Obama visitará México en su primer viaje oficial sola

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - La primera dama de Estados Unidos, Michelle Obama, visitará México el próximo mes en su primer viaje internacional sola, dijo el viernes la Casa Blanca.

En el viaje del 13 al 15 de abril, la primera dama buscará “ampliar el compromiso del presidente en avanzar en los intereses mutuos, el respeto y la responsabilidad mutuas entre naciones y pueblos en todo el mundo”, indicó un comunicado. La declaración también sostuvo que Michelle Obama desea “reforzar una conversación reciente con la primera dama mexicana, Margarita Zavala de Calderón, sobre temas de educación y desarrollo económico en ambos países”. □



Imagen de archivo de la primera dama de Estados Unidos, Michelle Obama, saludando en la Biblioteca del Congreso en Washington. REUTERS/Yuri Gripas/archivo





Gobierno chileno:

# 30.000 millones de dólares en daños por sismos

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) - Una estimación inicial del gobierno del presidente Sebastián Piñera apunta a que los daños por el devastador terremoto y tsunami de febrero y por la serie de fuertes réplicas, alcanzarían a los 30.000 millones de dólares.

El ministro de Hacienda, Felipe Larraín, señaló que un cálculo preliminar indica que los daños ascenderían a esa suma, pero que no todo ese monto corresponde al fisco. El anterior gobierno de la presidenta Michelle Bachelet calculó que en infraestructura y locales hospitalarios los destrozos eran de unos 5.000 millones de dólares.

Además de los destrozos en al menos unas 500.000 viviendas, en carreteras y hospitales, muchos colegios y escuelas resultaron destruidos o severamente dañados por lo que hay aún 1,25 millón de estudiantes de enseñanza básica y media sin clases, según informó el viernes el ministro de Educación, Joaquín Lavín.

Por lo menos 497 personas murieron durante la catástrofe y aún no se aclara el número de desaparecidos. Las actividades escolares comenzaron la semana pasada, pero en las zonas más afectadas debieron postergarse hasta poder contar con locales seguros o disponibles, ya que los que no quedaron inutilizados son usados como albergues para los damnificados. Un fuerte temblor de magnitud 6,9 el jueves, que alteró la transmisión del mando a Piñera, aumentó los daños con nuevos derrumbes de viviendas, cortes de caminos o puentes. □



El presidente Sebastián Piñera recibe los honores de la guardia de palacio al ingresar a La Moneda en Santiago en su primer día al frente del país el viernes 12 de marzo de 2010. (AP Photo/Aliocha Marquez)

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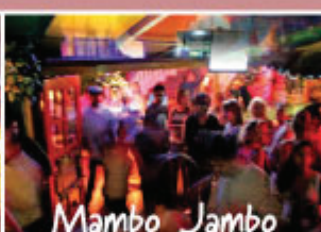
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